THE TRAVANCORE FOREST REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Forest Regulation (Amendment) Bill and beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I do not propose to make any long speech. Section 47 A of the existing Regulation empowers a Forest Officer to release an arrested person on his executing a bond for his appearance. But it does not empower the officer to demand any surety for his appearance. It has been found that it is not always safe to release a person on his bond alone; and for empowering a Forest Officer to demand sureties for appearance, this Bill is proposed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) Sir, I oppose the principle of the Bill. The Bill consists of only one section in the Forest Regulation. At the outset it may appear to be very innocent; but when we look into the question very carefully we can know that if this amendment is carried the Legislature would be doing a great harm to the freedom of the citizens in the State. Sir, offences under the Forest Regulation are only offences against the revenue of the State.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the member say that the Forest Regulation is an offence?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No, Sir, what I meant was offences under Forest Regulation. Further, the offences under Forest Regulation are all bailable offences. Well, the present Bill, if amended, will bring out an anomaly. Suppose a passenger from Trivandrum to Shencotta travels in a bus; the road passes through an area of Reserved Forest. Some accident takes place for the bus and it is detained in a particular place inside the Reserve Forest. Then the passenger is compelled to alight standing on the road. Imagine that on both sides of the road are forest reserves. The passenger out of curiosity plucks out a turmeric plant. Under the Forest Regulation it is an offence. The person who commits the alleged offence may not be accompanied by any of his friends. The Forest Officer has got the power to arrest him. A guard or a peon can do so. He is immediately arrested; and then how is it possible for him to get one or two sureties. He would be dragged along to a Police Station or guards' station. A person who is arrested by a forest officer when he commits any offence in a forest area until and unless he provides security will not be let on bail. Think what will be the fate of that person. My submission is that this Bill which would appear to be quite innocent at the outset is capable of doing much mischief. With these observations, I oppose the principle of the Bill.

The principle of the Bill was put to the vote and affirmed by the House.

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The Secretary then read the title of the Bill as The Travancore Forest Regulation (Amendment) Bill.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*); As there is only a single Clause in the Bill it need not be referred to a Select Committee.

THE TRAVANCORE MEDICAL REGISTRATION BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, this Bill was introduced in the Assembly in May 1935, but unfortunately owing to other work the debate on it was not concluded.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: At that time, was anybody in possession of the House?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai was speaking last and he is not here to-day.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it is proposed to continue the old Bill?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: There is a particular rule with regard to that. You will help me by letting me know the rule.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): May I suggest to you Sir, that *any* member can speak on the Bill with your permission?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Let us see if the law allows it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, on page 17 of the Assembly Manual, paragraph 30, says: "On the termination of a Session, all pending notices shall lapse."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: But a Bill introduced by Government does not lapse.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It has already been introduced.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, I wish to make one observation. I support the principle of the Bill. Nevertheless, I shall remind this House of one point. This Regulation is to safeguard people from the malpractices by unlicensed medical practitioners in the allopathy system of treatment. When we consider this question, one fact should be borne in mind. On whom are the moffusil people now dependent for their medical aid? Sir, this question of supplying medical aid to rural areas had been dealt with in almost all the budget sessions of this Assembly; various representations have been made, yet people in the moffusil areas are now badly in need of medical aid. This is a factor which should engage the serious attention of Government. For medical aid these people in the rural areas depend upon these so called quack doctors and many of the members are aware that these quacks are sometimes more useful than the qualified doctors.

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